

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please proceed to amend the specification on page 3, line 20 as follows:

CARBOXYLIC ACID/CARBOXYLATE COPOLYMER

The compositions of the present invention comprise an carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymer. The carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymers herein are hydrophobically-modified cross-linked ~~copolymers~~ copolymers of carboxylic acid and alkyl carboxylate, and have an amphiphilic property. These carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymers are obtained by copolymerizing 1) a carboxylic acid monomer such as acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, fumaric acid, crotonic acid, or α -chloroacrylic acid, 2) a carboxylic ester having an alkyl chain of from 1 to about 30 carbons, and preferably 3) a crosslinking agent of the following formula:

Please amend the specification on page 4, line 23 as follows:

Commercially available carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymers useful herein include: CTFA name Acrylates/C10-30 Alkyl Acrylate Crosspolymer having tradenames ~~Pemulene~~ Pemulen TR-1, ~~Pemulene~~ Pemulen TR-2, Carbopol 1342, Carbopol 1382, and Carbopol ETD 2020, all available from B. F. Goodrich Company.

Please amend the specification on page 5, line 22 as follows:

VISIBLE PARTICLE

The compositions of the present invention may further comprise a visible particle. By definition, a visible particle is a particle which can be distinctively detected as an individual particle by the naked eye when comprised in the present composition, and which is stable in the present composition. The visible particle can be of any size, shape, or color, according to the desired characteristic of the product, so long as it is distinctively detected as an individual particle by the naked eye. Generally, the visible particle has an average diameter of from about 50 μ m to about 3000 μ m, preferably from about 100 μ m to about 1000 μ m, more preferably from about 300 μ m to about 1000 μ m. By stable, it is meant that the visible particles are not disintegrated, agglomerated, or separated under normal shelf conditions. In one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the composition is substantially transparent. In such an embodiment, the visible particles provide a highly suitable aesthetic benefit. What is generally meant by transparent, is that a black substance having the size of a 1cm X 1cm ~~square~~ square can be detected by the naked eye through 1cm thickness of the present composition.

Please amend the specification on page 11, line 3 as follows:

Also useful herein are polymers containing units derived from:

- i) at least one monomer chosen from ~~amongst~~ among acrylamides or methacrylamides substituted on the nitrogen by an alkyl radical,
- ii) at least one acid comonomer containing one or more reactive carboxyl groups, and
- iii) at least one basic comonomer, such as esters, with primary, secondary and tertiary amine substituents and quaternary ammonium substituents, of acrylic and methacrylic acids, and the product resulting from the quaternisation of dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate with dimethyl or diethyl sulfate.